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the lowest figure, 16.2; Amsterdam, 16.8; Leiden and Haarlem, 17; Rotterdam, Utrecht, Groningen and Arnhem about 18.

Respectfully, FRANK D. HILL,
United States Consul.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Plague and smallpox in Manila.

MANILA, P. I., *February 22, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that 6 cases of plague, with 3 deaths, were reported in Manila during the week ended February 16, 1901. All cases occurred among the Chinese.

During the same period there were 2 cases of smallpox and 189 deaths from all causes.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., *February 27, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the number of cases of plague reported in Manila for the week ended February 23, 1901, show no material increase in the disease. During this period there were 7 cases, with 6 deaths, distributed as follows: Five Chinese, with 4 deaths, and 2 fatal cases among the Filipinos. During the same week there was 1 fatal case of smallpox.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce—Smallpox hospital completed.

PONCE, P. R., *March 15, 1901.*

SIR: Through chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended March 23, 1901:

Five vessels were inspected and passed and 2 held in quarantine; 10 bills of health were issued during the week.

The provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Havana, Cuban, and Dominican ports, and the Spanish steamship *Cataluña* from Havana, via suspected ports of Central and South America, were held in quarantine, but allowed to take passengers and cargo.

The hospital for persons suffering with smallpox has been finished. It is situated in the highest part of the city. Its construction is of wood and roofed with zinc, 135 feet in length by 24 feet wide. It is divided in 2 departments, one for men and another for women, having 14 windows in each, great height and sufficient ventilation. There are rooms for nurses and office for doctor, water-closet, and kitchen. Ample room for

50 patients. The apparel and furniture are entirely new and comprise the needful. The total cost of the hospital is $1,030. There are in it at present 22 patients, and the others that are about the city, and that were not taken in before, there being no appropriate room for them, shall be sent to it. Since the beginning of the epidemic there have been 132 cases; discharged as recovered, 78, and there are at present under treatment 54. None have been reported in the port. Up to now 4,500 persons have been vaccinated.

Respectfully, F. ALEMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
In Temporary Charge.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended March 23, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., *March 25, 1901.*

SIR: Through chief quarantine officer of Porto Rico I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended March 23, 1901: March 18, provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Cuba and St. Domingo, with 6 immigrants.

Respectfully, F. ALEMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
In Temporary Charge.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan during the week ended March 23, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *March 25, 1901.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended March 23, 1901.

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
Mar. 19	Prov. flag steamship Julia	Cuba, St. Domingo, Ponce, and Mayaguez, P. R.	7
Mar. 21	Spanish steamship Cataluña	Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, and Ponce, P. R.	8
	Total		15

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
In Temporary Charge.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at subports of Porto Rico for week ended March 23, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *March 25, 1901.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving during the week ended March 23, 1901, at subports of Porto Rico:

Mayaguez.—March 17, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Port au Prince, Petit Goave, Les Cayex, Jacmel, and St. Domingo, with 4 immi-